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1. U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL L. BUTZ CALLED THURSDAY FOR A FURTHER EXPANSION OF TWO-WAY TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

2. IN AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT TAIPEI'S SUNG SHAN AIR FORCE BASE, SECRETARY BUTZ NOTED THAT U.S. FARMERS WERE PRODUCING FULLY AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A DEPENDABLE SOURCE OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS TO TAIWAN WHICH PURCHASED OVER \$500 MILLION WORTH LAST YEAR, DOUBLE THE AMOUNT PURCHASED IN 1972.

3. SECRETARY BUTZ IS ON A THREE WEEK SWING THROUGH SIX ASIAN COUNTRIES WHICH BUY ONE-FOURTH OF THE U.S.'S AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS. IN TAIWAN, HE WILL MEET WITH VARIOUS CHINESE OFFICIALS INCLUDING PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO, WILL VISIT WHEAT, FLOUR MILLERS' AND SOYBEAN ASSOCIATIONS, TOUR FARMERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND A AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION CENTER AND VISIT WITH CHINESE FARM FAMILIES. HE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR TOKYO APRIL 13 FOLLOWING A

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PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF SECRETARY BUTZ'S ARRIVAL
REMARKS IN TAIPEI APRIL 11:

5. (BEGIN TRANSCRIPT) THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. SUN (MINISTER
OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SUN YUN-SUAN) FOR YOUR VERY WARM
WELCOMING STATEMENT. THIS IS MY FIRST VISIT TO THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS.
THE U.S. HAS MANY, MANY FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND WANTS TO EXTEND THESE STILL FURTHER.
THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S. HAVE A WARM REGARDS FOR THE PEOPLE OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND FOR THE GREAT PROGRESS YOU HAVE
MADE, FOR THE STAND YOU HAVE TAKEN IN THE CAUSE OF HUMAN
FREEDOM AND HUMAN LIBERTY, AND FOR THE ECONOMIC PROGRESS YOU
ARE MAKING IN THIS COUNTRY.

6. I HAVE SPENT MUCH OF MY LIFE ON THE STAFF OF
PURDUE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY HAS HAD A VERY WARM
RELATIONSHIP WITH TSING HUA UNIVERSITY IN THIS COUNTRY AND
WE HAD MANY EXCHANGES OF OUR PROFESSORS BETWEEN YOUR CAMPUS
AND OUR CAMPUS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING SOME OF THE
PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE.

7. AMERICAN AGRICULTURE HAS A VERY KEEN INTEREST IN OUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN AND WITH THE ROC. YOU PURCHASED
OVER \$500 MILLION WORTH OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM THE
UNITED STATES LAST YEAR. THAT WAS MORE THAN DOUBLE THE AMOUNT
OF YOUR PURCHASES IN 1972. WE WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE
PLAN TO BE A CONTINUING, DEPENDABLE MARKET SOURCE OF SUPPLY
FOR THE KIND OF PRODUCT THAT YOU PURCHASE. YOUR PURCHASES
ARE HEAVY IN COTTON, IN SOYBEANS AND IN WHEAT AND IN
TOBACCO, ESPECIALLY.

8. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN INCREASE IN OUR WHEAT PRODUCTION
IN AMERICA THIS YEAR OF 400 MILLION BUSHELS. WE ARE GOING
TO HAVE AN INCREASE IN OUR MAIZE PRODUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY
ONE BILLION BUSHELS. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN INCREASE IN
OUR COTTON PRODUCTION THIS YEAR OF APPROXIMATELY TWO MILLION
BALES.

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9. OUR FARMERS ARE PRODUCING FULLY IN 1974 AND WE PLAN,
THEREFORE, TO BE A RELIABLE SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE
TYPE OF THINGS THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA TRADITIONALLY BUYS
FROM THE UNITED STATES. BY THE SAME TOKEN, WE BUY MANY
THINGS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. FOR EXAMPLE, JUST
A WEEK AGO, SUNDAY, IN LOS ANGELES, WHERE OUR OLDER SON
AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND GRANDSON LIVE, MRS. BUTZ AND I
WENT DOWN TO A LOCAL SEARS AND ROEBUCK STORE TO PURCHASE

A COLOR TV SET FOR OUR CHILDREN. WE PURCHASED THE BEST COLOR TV SET THAT SEARS AND ROEBUCK SOLD. WHEN WE WENT DOWN TO LOAD THE SET IN OUR CAR TO TAKE HOME, ON THE PACKAGE IT SAID, "MANUFACTURED IN TAIWAN." WHEN WE GOT ON THE AIRPLANE TO LEAVE LOS ANGELES 10 DAYS AGO TO START OUR TRIP, MR. ALLEN GRANT, WHO IS WITH US AS MY ADVISER ON THIS TRIP, HE IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION, PASSED OUT SOME ITEMS TO ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE AMERICAN DELEGATION AND HE PASSED OUT A SET OF CUFF LINKS AND TIE CLASPS THAT WERE LIKEWISE MADE IN TAIWAN. I MENTION THAT AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE VERY HEALTHY TWO-WAY TRADE THAT IS DEVELOPING BETWEEN OUR NATIONS.

10. AS YOU INCREASINGLY PURCHASE THE FARM PRODUCTS THAT WE HAVE THAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR DEVELOPING LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AND YOUR DEVELOPING ECONOMY, AND WE INCREASINGLY PURCHASE THE THINGS THAT YOU MAKE HERE, WE OUGHT TO EXPLORE THE BASIS FOR FURTHER EXPANSION OF THAT TYPE OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TRADE WHICH WE THINK WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE WARM RELATIONSHIPS THAT HAVE EXISTED FOR SO MANY YEARS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. THANK YOU. (END TRANSCRIPT).
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